SUMMARY OF MINUTES FOR THE FIRST NINE MEETINGS OF

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EXPLOITATION OF FOREIGN DOCUMENTS

1. All sections under point one of the agenda were discussed together agency by agency. Point one: Current activities of the IAC agencies providing service in the extraction and dissemination of raw information from foreign language publications.

    a. State (JPRS): Joint Press Reading Service in Moscow exploits the Moscow daily press and 39 Soviet periodicals. It operates with a staff composed of four translators, two editors, four typists, and a chauffeur, and produces summaries in two categories: a) international political problems; and b) domestic affairs. 83 copies of these publications are sent to the Department of State for further dissemination. 19 copies are transmitted to CIA, most remaining agencies receiving a single copy. JPRS receives requirements only from foreign missions in Moscow needing such press coverage; no requirements are served upon it from Washington. No further expansion of the service is anticipated. It is found to provide a rather specific, but useful service to the intelligence community.

    b. Army: USSR exploitation is limited to specific selected military publications which are covered by Service Branch, G-2. Requirements are served only by G-2, but its reports are available to Air Force and Navy. The Branch is staffed with 12 people, not all of whom are linguists. No expansion of this service is anticipated.

    525th Military Intelligence Service Group, Fort Bragg, exploits some publications in answer to requirements of G-2. This unit will probably be disbanded. The Army also makes use of a ▆▆▆▆▆▆▆▆▆▆ publication which reviews Soviet military publications regularly.

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    c. Navy: The Navy has no organized exploitation of foreign publications. Two linguists are primarily engaged in translations of books of interest to the Department.

    d. Air Force: Air Technical Intelligence Center (ATIC) exploits some technical publications, but are turning their exploitation over to the Treasure Island Project.

    Treasure Island Project; An Air Intelligence contract exploitation group operating as the Air Information Division of the Library of Congress. Systematically covers 17 Soviet newspapers and a small, variable number of periodicals carrying information of interest to Air Force. Produces annotated bibliographies on technical and non-technical subjects of interest to the Department. Requirements are received only from Directorate of Intelligence, USAF, but the Air Force representative stated that Directorate of Intelligence would

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probably accept requirements from other IAC agencies for service on
Treasure Island Project subject to their current work load and
capacity to meet them.

Reports are in three forms· a) Treasure Island Abstracts which
cover urban area data for target studies; b) Standard Air Force
Information Reports (Form 112) covering Soviet Air Force administra-
tion, organization, logistics, etc. for Deputy Director for Estimates;
and c) bibliographies. Forms a) and b) are automatically disseminated
to the intelligence community. Bibliographies are annotated and
published under the Library of Congress imprint, and therefore avail-
able to all IAC agencies.

All reports are completely indexed by the project and the
indexes are available to the intelligence community for reference.
The personnel complement includes 45 linguists plus support personnel.
Available reference material is adequate. No expansion is anticipated.

e. CIA (FDD): The Foreign Documents Division regularly exploits
37 Russian language newspapers, 9 Central Asiatic (vernacular) Soviet
newspapers and 115 periodicals against guide and specific require-
ments of the IAC agencies. Monographic material is only exploited
against specific requirements. Efforts are made to avoid duplication
with other exploitation facilities which are largely successful, but
considerable duplication is unavoidable with Treasure Island on the
17 newspapers which they process. FDD reports are disseminated to
all of the IAC agencies.

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The forms of reporting are as follows: ██████ - Standard
information report which covers a wide range of types from short
spot reports to longer collations on specific subjects and areas.
Summaries - longer collations and summaries of collected information
on specific subjects and areas. Translations - longer translations
of one or more documents on a specific subject.

Forty linguist positions are available for exploitation.
Reference materials are adequate. No expansion is anticipated under
present budgetary limitations.

2. All sections of point two of the agenda were discussed separately
agency by agency. Point two: Development of needs for exploitation of
foreign language publications by FDD/CIA.

a. Section 2a: What current publications should be covered?

State: The widest possible coverage of Russian language
publications is needed for studies of the Soviet Union as a social
entity. Current reporting is covered satisfactorily by JPRS. The
Department of State needs from FDD primarily basic or background
coverage of current developments.

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Army: FDD should exploit "Red Star" for military information and report on Order of Battle information from the press now exploited. The priorities are: (1) Order of Battle; and (2) biographic information on military personalities. This represents the needs of G-2, not the Army Technical Services, Surgeon General's Office or Army Map Service.

Navy: No current needs from FDD.

Air Force: No current needs from FDD due to coverage by Treasure Island.

CIA: Coverage of the provincial and specialized press is needed as well as the widest possible coverage of periodicals and monographs. Of the latter, text books for higher education are especially important.

b. Section 2b: Which publications and which subjects should receive priority processing?

General discussion of publication coverage priorities led to a consensus of opinion that a review of such titles needed would not be as useful to the Committee as a determination of subject priorities. With regard to subject priorities, the following was disclosed:

State: Priority should be given to political, sociological, economic and biographical topics in that order.

Army: Priority should be given to military personalities, order of battle information, and military support activities such as transportation, sanitation, cartography, etc. in that order.

Navy: Priority should be given to a) order of battle information; b) shipbuilding (naval and civil); and c) technical information of interest to the Department. Navy further desires that FDD regularly exploit VODNYY TRANSPORT for this information, and provide translated tables of contents of irregularly received publications picked up by attaches.

Air Force: No representative from the Air Force was present during the discussion on Section 2b of the agenda.

CIA: ORR/CIA wants priority assigned to economic and technological information. The CIA representative stated that he was not able to speak for the other offices of CIA.

c. Section 2c: What method(s) of exploitation should be used?

State: Inasmuch as the Department receives too much raw
material in the nature of a large mass of bits of unrelated infor-
mation, State prefers that FDD provide compilations or collations of
related information, properly documented. The technique of reporting
desired is that of "medium level" research and not "spot" reporting.

Army: Prefers a series of periodic compilations on order of
battle information. In the category of information on training,
tactics, and general information, Army would prefer brief abstracts
of articles of interest.

Navy: Desires abstracts of articles and monographic material
meeting existing requirements, including an evaluation of level of
thinking and value.

Air Force: No representative from the Air Force was present
during the discussion on section 2c of the agenda.

CIA: Prefers that emphasis be given to straight "extract"
reporting, rather than compilations or collations, although there is
need for both types of reporting from FDD. FDD should provide com-
plete bibliographic treatment of a selected list of periodicals -
the list to be determined by the serials received by FDD and not
covered by the MLRA of the Library of Congress. FDD would thus
supplement the MLRA for these purposes. The screening process it-
self should be reviewed, to insure that, for example, commodity
information in a transportation periodical is not overlooked.

d. Section 2d: What method(s) of reporting should be used?

State: The Department would like a flexible selection to
meet the needs of the report itself. Some information is of suffi-
cient importance to call for immediate spot reporting and not to be
held for incorporation in collations. The emphasis, however, should
be on the semi-annual type of collations, although FDD should be
prepared to answer at any time what information is available on any
subject. The Department is not interested in press summaries.

Army: Army would like monthly compilations on order of
battle information and quarterly compilations on training and other
types of requirements.

Navy: No representative from the Navy was present during the
discussion on section 2d of the agenda.

Air Force: No representative from the Air Force was present
during the discussion on section 2d of the agenda.

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CIA: CIA would like primarily extracts and abstracts with collations only against occasional specific needs.

e. Section 2e: What part of the effort should be set aside for specific searches in non-current publications and the preparation of comprehensive digests or compilations?

State: The heart of the operation is the current take of Soviet publications. This should be the primary effort, therefore the maximum devoted to non-current documents is whatever effort is left after the current material has been exploited. Basic projects will have to be determined at the time their necessity arises, but specific searches in basic literature should be considered second priority.

Army: Army agrees with the State Department's proposal.

Navy: No representative from the Navy was present during the discussion on section 2e of the agenda.

Air Force: No representative from the Air Force was present during the discussion on section 2e of the agenda.

CIA: CIA agrees with State and Army in general, but has a critical need for quantitative data in some fields which can be satisfied only with some basic study.

f. Section 2f: Should FDD do only straight reporting or would insertion of factual comments be advisable or desirable where appropriate?

State: Comments should be based on source material or knowledge capable of documentation. In either case, such comments should be clearly labeled as such, and FDD should be able to support comments if requested or challenged by consumer.

Army: Army finds them acceptable and useful if clearly marked.

Navy: No representative from the Navy was present during discussion on section 2f of the agenda.

Air Force: No representative from the Air Force was present during discussion of section 2f of the agenda.

CIA: Comments on known facts germane to the report which can be tied to a source are acceptable when clearly identified as such.

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g. Section 2g: How can closer liaison between FDD and consumer analysts be developed?

State: Two types of liaison are desirable: formal and informal. The formal type to insure that the informal type functions. The latter is most valuable on the operational level. Such informal contact should be checked periodically through formal liaison between branch and division heads.

Army: Army considers the following types of liaison desirable: 1) informal liaison, which is most effective due to changing of military personnel; 2) FDD personnel who are reservists should arrange for active duty in G-2, and those who are not should spend a few days in G-2 to acquaint themselves with requirements; and 3) direct telephone liaison for unclassified operational material.

Navy: No representative from the Navy was present during the discussion on section 2g of the agenda.

Air Force: No representative from the Air Force was present during the discussion on section 2g of the agenda.

CIA: Good liaison arrangements exist, but should be backed up by annual seminars between FDD and consumer offices within CIA. A division by division semiannual review of requirements served on FDD would be useful.

3. Point three of the agenda was discussed agency by agency. Point three: Are present efforts in translation service of the IAC agencies effectively meeting the needs of consumers:

State: State's Division of Language Services is generally satisfactory. The CTS is very serviceable and is being used by State Department analysts.

Army: Translation Section of Service Branch G-2 is adequate for Army needs. The CTS is not too useful for military material, most of which has been done by the Army, but is useful for other items.

Navy: No representative from the Navy was present during discussion on point three of the agenda.

Air Force: No representative from the Air Force was present during the discussion on point three of the agenda.

CIA: Service is about as good as the requirements; it can be improved by knowing what FDD's potential is in a given field.

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